

# COVERED DISHWARE

## Abstract

A covered food container or serving platter incorporates a cover stand as part of the structure of the container. The cover may be temporarily stored on the stand while the user obtains access to the container. In one embodiment a central support extends from the serving platter and receives a central support shaft formed within the cover. When the cover is resting upon the platter, the shaft is fully received within the central support. As the cover is raised, the support shaft follows, and is gradually withdrawn from the central support. Projecting cam lobes are formed in a longitudinal manner on the surface of the support shaft, and support shaft stops project inwardly from the outer walls of the central support near the upper opening thereof. The cam lobes cooperate with the shaft stops to either permit the withdrawal of the support shaft from the central support or, if the cover is twisted to a different radial positioning of the cam lobes, the support shaft stops will permit the support shaft to rest upon them, thus supporting the cover in an up-raised position with respect to the serving platter.